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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 5.2% IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 18--Airline passenger traffic rose 5.2 percent in October, compared with the same month a year ago, and was up 11.4 percent for the first 10 months of 1985, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service in October, passenger traffic registered a gain of 5.1 percent. Available seat miles increased by 8.2 percent. The load factor was 55.3 percent, down from 56.9 percent for the same month a year ago.

In international service in October, passenger traffic rose 5.7 percent. Available seat miles were up 14.2 percent. The load factor was 59.1 percent, a decline from 63.9 percent in October of 1984.

For the first 10 months of this year, domestic passenger traffic was up 11.8 percent. Available seat miles increased 4.7 percent. The load factor was 61.6 percent, up from 57.7 percent for the same period a year earlier.

International passenger traffic in the first 10 months registered a gain of 10.1 percent. Available seat miles rose by 10.8 percent. The load factor was 66.5 percent, down only slightly from the 66.9 percent in the same months a year earlier.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

OCTOBER 1985 - 1984

		OCTOBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	85	19,312,157	34,928,088	55.3	204,015,437	331,080,850	61.6
	84	18,370,629	32,274,977	56.9	182,520,617	316,246,203	57.7
PERCENT CHANGE		5.1	8.2		11.8	4.7	
INTERNATIONAL	85	5,174,698	8,754,688	59.1	53,844,313	81,004,857	66.5
	84	4,896,995	7,666,300	63.9	48,918,483	73,116,809	66.9
PERCENT CHANGE		5.7	14.2		10.1	10.8	
TOTAL	85	24,486,855	43,682,776	56.1	257,859,750	412,085,707	62.6
	84	23,267,624	39,941,277	58.3	231,439,100	389,363,012	59.4
PERCENT CHANGE		5.2	9.4		11.4	5.8	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA.

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JANUARY-NOVEMBER AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 10.7 PERCENT

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 20 — As 1985 draws to a close, the Air Transport Association reports that the year's airline passenger traffic is up better than 10 percent over last year.

Airline passenger traffic for the first 11 months of the year was 10.7 percent higher over the same period last year, and passenger traffic in November was up 3.5 percent, according to ATA.

For the first 11 months of the year, domestic passenger traffic was up 11 percent. Available seat miles increased 4.9 percent. The load factor was 60.9 percent, up from 57.6 percent in the same period a year earlier.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines from January through November registered a gain of 9.8 percent. Available seat miles were up 11.1 percent. The load factor was 65.5 percent, down slightly from the 66.3 percent during the first 11 months of last year.

For the month of November in domestic service, passenger traffic rose 3.0 percent. Available seat miles increased 7.4 percent. The load factor was 54.0, down from 56.4 percent in November of last year.

In international service in November, passenger traffic rose 5.8 percent. Available seat miles were up 14.7 percent. The load factor was 55.2 percent, down from 59.9 per cent in November of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

NOVEMBER 1985 - 1984

	YEAR	NOVEMBER RPM'S (000)	NOVEMBER ASM'S (000)	NOVEMBER LOAD FACTOR (%)	YEAR TO DATE RPM'S (000)	YEAR TO DATE ASM'S (000)	YEAR TO DATE LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	85	17,985,287	33,281,710	54.0	222,000,724	364,362,560	60.9
	84	17,464,934	30,981,258	56.4	199,985,551	347,227,461	57.6
PERCENT CHANGE		3.0	7.4		11.0	4.9	
INTERNATIONAL	85	4,165,920	7,540,191	55.2	58,010,233	88,545,048	65.5
	84	3,937,818	6,572,729	59.9	52,856,301	79,689,538	66.3
PERCENT CHANGE		5.8	14.7		9.8	11.1	
TOTAL	85	22,151,207	40,821,901	54.3	280,010,957	452,907,608	61.8
	84	21,402,752	37,553,987	57.0	252,841,852	426,916,999	59.2
PERCENT CHANGE		3.5	8.7		10.7	6.1	

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 13.1 PERCENT IN DECEMBER AND 10.9 PER CENT IN 1985

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 22, 1986 — U.S. scheduled airline passenger traffic, including domestic and international operations, increased 13.1 percent in December and 10.9 percent in 1985, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air traffic in December, 1985 was up 14.3 percent and international increased 7.5 percent over December, 1984. The domestic passenger load factor, or percentage of seats filled, was 59.2 percent compared to 56.1 percent a year ago, and the international passenger load factor was 57.7 percent compared to 60.9 percent in December, 1984.

For the year as a whole, domestic traffic was up 11.3 percent in 1985 and international traffic gained 9.6 percent. The 1985 domestic passenger load factor was 60.8 percent compared to 57.5 percent in 1984. The international passenger load factor was 64.9 percent versus 65.9 percent in 1984.

The total passenger load factor, including domestic and international operations, was 58.9 percent in December, 1985 compared to 57.0 percent in December, 1984. For the year overall, the 1985 passenger load factor was 61.6 percent compared to 59.0 percent in 1984.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

DECEMBER 1985 - 1984

		DECEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	85	21,122,236	35,684,721	59.2	243,122,960	400,047,281	60.8
	84	18,474,923	32,917,912	56.1	218,460,474	380,145,373	57.5
PERCENT CHANGE		14.3	8.4		11.3	5.2	
INTERNATIONAL	85	4,550,701	7,882,305	57.7	62,560,934	96,427,353	64.9
	84	4,232,096	6,949,434	60.9	57,088,397	86,638,972	65.9
PERCENT CHANGE		7.5	13.4		9.6	11.3	
TOTAL	85	25,672,937	43,567,026	58.9	305,683,894	496,474,634	61.6
	84	22,707,019	39,867,346	57.0	275,548,871	466,784,345	59.0
PERCENT CHANGE		13.1	9.3		10.9	6.4	

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 10.2% IN JANUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 18--Airline passenger traffic rose 10.2 percent in January, compared with the same month a year earlier, the Air Transport Association announced today.

Domestic passenger traffic in January was up 10.1 percent. Available seat miles increased 9.7 percent. The load factor gained slightly, from 54.2 in January, 1985, to 54.4 percent in January, 1986.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in January registered a gain of 10.8 percent. Available seat miles increased 9.2 percent. The load factor was 60.8 percent, up from 59.9 percent in the same month last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JANUARY 1986 - 1985

		JANUARY		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	19,803,281	36,390,592	54.4
	85	17,987,392	33,171,120	54.2
PERCENT CHANGE		10.1	9.7	
INTERNATIONAL	86	4,526,433	7,448,303	60.8
	85	4,085,078	6,821,046	59.9
PERCENT CHANGE		10.8	9.2	
TOTAL	86	24,329,714	43,838,895	55.5
	85	22,072,470	39,992,166	55.2
PERCENT CHANGE		10.2	9.6	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA.

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 24th CONSECUTIVE MONTH

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 17 -- Airline passenger traffic was up 11.3 percent in February, compared with February a year ago, for the 24th month in a row of traffic increases by the U.S. scheduled airlines, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Airline traffic, as reflected in revenue passenger miles, was up 10.8 percent for the first two months of the year. A revenue passenger mile is one fare-paying passenger transported one mile.

Domestic passenger traffic in February rose 12.6 percent. Available seat miles increased 7.7 percent. The load factor was 59.1 percent, up from 56.5 percent in the same month a year ago.

The U.S. airlines international passenger traffic in February increased 5.0 percent. The available seat miles rose 14.0 percent, and load factor fell to 52.7 percent from 57.2 percent in February of last year.

Domestic passenger traffic for the first two months of the year was up 11.3 percent. Available seat miles increased 8.8 percent. The load factor rose to 56.6 percent from 55.3 percent for the same months of last year.

International passenger traffic for the first two months increased 8.2 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 11.4 percent. The load factor fell to 56.9 percent from 58.7 percent in the first two months of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

FEBRUARY 1986 - 1985

		FEBRUARY			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	18,905,455	32,003,187	59.1	38,708,736	68,393,779	56.6
	85	16,788,219	29,718,431	56.5	34,775,611	62,889,551	55.3
PERCENT CHANGE		12.6	7.7		11.3	8.8	
INTERNATIONAL	86	3,569,011	6,771,399	52.7	8,095,444	14,219,702	56.9
	85	3,399,275	5,938,446	57.2	7,484,353	12,759,492	58.7
PERCENT CHANGE		5.0	14.0		8.2	11.4	
TOTAL	86	22,474,466	38,774,586	58.0	46,804,180	82,613,481	56.7
	85	20,187,494	35,656,877	56.6	42,259,964	75,649,043	55.9
PERCENT CHANGE		11.3	8.7		10.8	9.2	

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 9.9% IN 1986 FIRST QUARTER

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 16 — Airline passenger traffic was up 9.9 percent in the first quarter of 1986, compared with the same period last year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

ATA noted that total passenger traffic was up 8.4 percent in March — the 25th month in a row of passenger traffic increases for the U.S. scheduled airlines.

In domestic service during the first three months of this year, passenger traffic was up 9.9 percent. Available seat miles in the first quarter rose 9.3 percent. The load factor — percentage of seats filled — was 59.6 percent, up slightly from 59.3 percent in the first quarter of last year.

In international service in the first quarter, passenger traffic rose 9.7 percent. Available seat miles increased by 19.0 percent. The load factor was 57.9 percent, a decline from 62.9 percent in the first quarter of last year.

Domestic passenger traffic in March was up 7.7 percent. Available seat miles increased by 10.3 percent. The load factor was 65.4 percent, down from 67.0 percent in March a year earlier.

International passenger traffic in March registered a gain of 12.4 percent. Available seat miles grew by 36 percent. The load factor was 59.8 percent, compared with 72.3 percent in March of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MARCH 1986 - 1985

		MARCH			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	23,689,362	36,216,558	65.4	62,398,098	104,610,337	59.6
	85	22,005,202	32,822,074	67.0	56,780,813	95,711,625	59.3
PERCENT CHANGE		7.7	10.3		9.9	9.3	
INTERNATIONAL	86	4,620,721	7,727,376	59.8	12,716,165	21,947,078	57.9
	85	4,109,583	5,681,792	72.3	11,593,936	18,441,284	62.9
PERCENT CHANGE		12.4	36.0		9.7	19.0	
TOTAL	86	28,310,083	43,943,934	64.4	75,114,263	126,557,415	59.4
	85	26,114,785	38,503,866	67.8	68,374,749	114,152,909	59.9
PERCENT CHANGE		8.4	14.1		9.9	10.9	

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 4.3% IN APRIL

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 15 — Airline passenger traffic was up 4.3 percent in April, compared with the same month a year earlier, and rose 8.4 percent during the first four months of 1986, the Air Transport Association reported today.

April marked the 26th month in a row of passenger traffic growth for the U.S. scheduled airlines.

April's domestic passenger traffic increased 6.2 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 8.7 percent. The load factor — percentage of seats filled — was 62.0 percent, compared with 63.4 percent in April of last year.

International passenger traffic in April declined 4.5 percent. Available seat miles increased by 19.7 percent. The load factor was 52.5 percent, down from 65.8 percent in April a year earlier.

During the first four months of the year, domestic passenger traffic was up 8.9 percent. Available seat miles increased by 9.1 percent. The load factor was 60.2 percent, almost the same as the 60.4 percent in April of last year.

The international passenger traffic of U.S. air carriers during the first four months rose 5.7 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 19.2 percent. The load factor was 56.5 percent, compared with 63.7 percent in the first four months of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

APRIL 1986 - 1985

		APRIL			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	21,940,792	35,392,633	62.0	84,338,890	140,002,970	60.2
	85	20,651,637	32,566,297	63.4	77,432,450	128,277,922	60.4
PERCENT CHANGE		6.2	8.7		8.9	9.1	
INTERNATIONAL	86	4,263,157	8,123,478	52.5	16,979,322	30,070,556	56.5
	85	4,462,398	6,784,567	65.8	16,056,334	25,225,851	63.7
PERCENT CHANGE		(4.5)	19.7		5.7	19.2	
TOTAL	86	26,203,949	43,516,111	60.2	101,318,212	170,073,526	59.6
	85	25,114,035	39,350,864	63.8	93,488,784	153,503,773	60.9
PERCENT CHANGE		4.3	10.6		8.4	10.8	

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC ROSE 4.5% IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 16 — Airline passenger traffic rose 4.5 percent in May, compared with the same month a year ago, and was up 7.5 percent for the first five months, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in May increased 9.7 percent. Available seat miles rose 17.0 percent. The load factor was 61.4 percent, down from 65.5 percent in May of 1985.

International passenger traffic in May declined 14.8 percent. Available seat miles increased by 9.5 percent. The load factor was 49.7 percent, down from 63.9 percent in the same month a year earlier.

Domestic passenger traffic in the first five months increased 9.1 percent. Available seat miles were up 10.7 percent. The load factor was 60.5 percent, down from 61.4 percent in the same period a year ago.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in the first five months was up 0.4 percent. Available seat miles increased by 16.7 percent. The load factor was 54.8 percent, a decline from 63.7 percent in the first five months of 1985.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MAY 1986 - 1985

		MAY			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	22,788,335	37,110,419	61.4	107,127,225	177,113,389	60.5
	85	20,774,450	31,717,775	65.5	98,206,900	159,995,697	61.4
PERCENT CHANGE		9.7	17.0		9.1	10.7	
INTERNATIONAL	86	4,806,723	9,676,186	49.7	21,786,045	39,746,742	54.8
	85	5,644,916	8,837,364	63.9	21,701,250	34,063,215	63.7
PERCENT CHANGE		(14.8)	9.5		0.4	16.7	
TOTAL	86	27,595,058	46,786,605	59.0	128,913,270	216,860,131	59.4
	85	26,419,366	40,555,139	65.1	119,908,150	194,058,912	61.8
PERCENT CHANGE		4.5	15.4		7.5	11.7	

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 7.3% IN FIRST HALF OF 1986

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 17 — Airline passenger traffic rose 7.3 percent in the first six months of 1986, compared with the same period last year, and was up 6.4 percent in June, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in the first six months increased 9.8 percent. Available seat miles were up 13.2 percent. The load factor was 61.0 percent, down from 62.9 percent in the same period a year earlier.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in the first six months was down 3.3 percent. Available seat miles increased by 13.2 percent. The load factor was 55.6 percent, down from 65.2 percent in the first six months of last year.

Domestic passenger traffic in June increased 13.4 percent. Available seat miles rose 26.3 percent. The load factor was 63.5 percent, a decline from 70.8 percent in June a year ago.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in June fell 15.4 percent. Available seat miles rose 1.0 percent. The load factor was 59.0 percent, down from 70.4 percent in the same month last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JUNE 1986 - 1985

		JUNE			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	24,003,746	37,786,577	63.5	131,130,971	214,899,966	61.0
	85	21,174,479	29,921,457	70.8	119,381,379	189,917,154	62.9
PERCENT CHANGE		13.4	26.3		9.8	13.2	
INTERNATIONAL	86	5,698,938	9,662,582	59.0	27,484,983	49,409,324	55.6
	85	6,736,373	9,566,392	70.4	28,437,623	43,629,607	65.2
PERCENT CHANGE		(15.4)	1.0		(3.3)	13.2	
TOTAL	86	29,702,684	47,449,159	62.6	158,615,954	264,309,290	60.0
	85	27,910,852	39,487,849	70.7	147,819,002	233,546,761	63.3
PERCENT CHANGE		6.4	20.2		7.3	13.2	

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 8% IN JULY

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 15 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 8.0 percent in July, compared with the same month last year, and was up 7.4 percent for the first seven months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic airline passenger traffic in July increased by 12.3 percent. There was a gain in available seat miles of 12.2 percent. The load factor remained virtually the same at 64.8 percent, compared with 64.7 percent in July of last year.

The international passenger traffic of U.S. air carriers in July declined 6.3 percent. Available seat miles rose by 2.0 percent. The load factor was 63.8 percent, down from 69.5 percent in the same month last year.

Domestic airline passenger traffic for the first seven months was up 10.2 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 13.0 percent. The load factor was 61.6 percent, compared with 63.2 percent for the same period a year earlier.

The international passenger traffic of U.S. air carriers during the first seven months was down 3.9 percent. The available seat miles rose 11.1 percent. The load factor was 57.0 percent, down from 66.0 percent during the first seven months of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JULY 1986 - 1985

		JULY			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	25,747,523	39,750,641	64.8	156,878,494	254,650,607	61.6
	85	22,923,664	35,414,824	64.7	142,305,043	225,331,978	63.2
PERCENT CHANGE		12.3	12.2		10.2	13.0	
INTERNATIONAL	86	6,559,052	10,278,654	63.8	34,044,035	59,687,978	57.0
	85	7,001,187	10,076,905	69.5	35,438,810	53,706,512	66.0
PERCENT CHANGE		(6.3)	2.0		(3.9)	11.1	
TOTAL	86	32,306,575	50,029,295	64.6	190,922,529	314,338,585	60.7
	85	29,924,851	45,491,729	65.8	177,743,853	279,038,490	63.7
PERCENT CHANGE		8.0	10.0		7.4	12.7	

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AIRLINES HAVE HIGHEST PASSENGER TRAFFIC MONTH IN INDUSTRY HISTORY

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 17 -- The nation's airlines in August produced more than 49.5 billion passenger miles of service, the best traffic month in the history of the industry, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Airline passenger traffic rose 13.7 percent in August, compared with the same month last year, and was up 8.3 percent for the first eight months of the year, ATA said.

Domestic airline passenger traffic in August increased by 18 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 11.7 percent. The load factor was 69.0 percent, up from 65.3 percent in the same month a year ago.

August's international passenger traffic for the U.S. airlines rose 0.2 percent. The available seat miles decreased 0.6 percent. The load factor was 72.0 percent, up from 71.4 percent in August of 1985.

During the first eight months of the year, domestic passenger traffic increased 11.3 percent. Available seat miles had a gain of 12.8 percent. The load factor was 62.6 percent, down from 63.4 percent for the first eight months of 1985.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. air carriers during the first eight months fell 3.2 percent. Available seat miles were up 9.3 percent. The load factor was 59.2 percent, down from 66.9 percent for the same months a year earlier.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

AUGUST 1986 - 1985

		AUGUST			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	27,138,437	39,356,844	69.0	184,016,931	294,007,451	62.6
	85	23,001,886	35,219,317	65.3	165,306,929	260,551,295	63.4
PERCENT CHANGE		18.0	11.7		11.3	12.8	
INTERNATIONAL	86	7,316,253	10,162,021	72.0	41,360,288	69,849,999	59.2
	85	7,302,036	10,222,102	71.4	42,740,846	63,928,614	66.9
PERCENT CHANGE		0.2	(0.6)		(3.2)	9.3	
TOTAL	86	34,454,690	49,518,865	69.6	225,377,219	363,857,450	61.9
	85	30,303,922	45,441,419	66.7	208,047,775	324,479,909	64.1
PERCENT CHANGE		13.7	9.0		8.3	12.1	

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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 14% IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 16 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 14.0 percent in September, compared with the same month last year, and was up 8.9 percent for the first nine months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in September increased 20.0 percent. Available seat miles had a gain of 12.7 percent. The load factor was 56.8 percent, up from 53.4 percent in September of 1985.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in September declined 3.8 percent. The available seat miles were down 0.1 percent. The load factor was 61.5 percent, a drop from 63.8 percent in the same month a year ago.

During the first nine months of the year, domestic passenger traffic was up 12.2 percent. Available seat miles increased by 12.8 percent. The load factor was 61.9 percent, down slightly from the 62.3 percent for the same months of last year.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines from January through September declined 3.3 percent. Available seat miles were up 8.1 percent. The load factor was 59.5 percent, falling from 66.5 percent for the first nine months of 1986.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

SEPTEMBER 1986 - 1985

		SEPTEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	21,137,994	37,205,458	56.8	205,154,925	331,212,909	61.9
	85	17,621,871	33,006,051	53.4	182,928,800	293,557,346	62.3
PERCENT CHANGE		20.0	12.7		12.2	12.8	
INTERNATIONAL	86	5,629,943	9,159,488	61.5	46,990,231	79,009,487	59.5
	85	5,853,404	9,172,898	63.8	48,594,250	73,101,512	66.5
PERCENT CHANGE		(3.8)	(0.1)		(3.3)	8.1	
TOTAL	86	26,767,937	46,364,946	57.7	252,145,156	410,222,396	61.5
	85	23,475,275	42,178,949	55.7	231,523,050	366,658,858	63.1
PERCENT CHANGE		14.0	9.9		8.9	11.9	

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